

Stakeholder Meeting Comments from the 3/15/00 meeting

How the State Will Use the Authority and Resources of the Safe Drinking Water Act

- Fund a Position to work with TNC's on Permitting from Set Asides
- Fund Sampling for School Systems
- Promote and possibly subsidize initial consolidation of operation of School Systems by district or larger geographical area.
- Promote contract or regional consolidation of operation of small systems.
- Fund owner/operator travel to meetings and training courses and provide food.
- Develop a mentoring program on a geographical regional basis and promote geographical regional owner/operator organizations and training.
- Obtain legislative authority allowing Secretary to make a determination that a system is not viable and direct the water system to take appropriate feasible actions to allow decertification i.e. drill wells, connect to another system etc.
- Strengthen link between owner/operator and the Water Supply Division
- Do a newsletter and possibly target groups such as TNCs, NTNCs and community systems to make more relevant
- Develop simple SPPs, O&M manuals, and Long range plan models.
- Pay for and do sampling for TNC's
- Do the initial rounds of new sampling requirements.
- Promote alternative technologies and variances when possible.
- More funding support for non-profit organizations.

Baseline information

- More flexibility to enter correct information in the inventory would provide better data.
- Show what was prevented from going out of compliance as well as what went out of compliance.
- Express as a positive rather than a negative i.e. number of systems in compliance.
- Use number of major deficiencies in Temporary Operating Permits as an indicator.

Encourage/Impair

- Lack of money, people, and resources.
- Part-time volunteer employees - lack of communication and professional involvement with peers of owners/operators.
- Owner & customer apathy
- Lack of understanding by Owners/operators of Public Health Reasons for rules and past local situations that demonstrate the public health reasons for the rules and regulations.
- Lack of good communication from the Water Supply Division with owners/operators i.e. newsletters/public announcements.
- Coordination of Regional Office and WSD Staff on Water Supply Issues.
- Owner/Operator Perception of costs to do SPP, O&M manual, long range plan etc.

Prioritize Systems

- Use Enforcement priorities to prioritize systems.

Identify Interested Systems